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DEATH.

Die suddenly, at Bremen, on the 21st inst.,
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The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

(From the Straits Times.)

FRANCE.

PARIS, November 13th.
M. de Freycinet, speaking in the Chamber of
Deputies, said it was quite useless to hope for
any reduction in the War Budget, that on the
contrary the tax-payers must prepare for
exceptional effort to secure the defence of the
country.

CENTRAL AFRICA.

LONDON, November 14th.

Mr. J. Thomson, of Masailand fame (1883/4)
has undertaken to open communication with
Emin Bey, and starts in a month's time, being
convinced that Stanley is dead.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are informed that the steamer *Pasig* will
resume running as a night boat on the Canton
river on Sunday next.

A MEETING will be held in the City Hall on
Friday next at 5 p.m., for the purpose of estab-
lishing a literary society in this colony.

We note that the O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer
Belgic will proceed to San Francisco, via Amoy
and Yokohama, on the 28th inst., at 1 p.m.

We would remind our readers of the performance
of "Il Trovatore" by the Musical Comedy and
Opera Company this evening at the Theatre
Royal, City Hall.

A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1026,
will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street,
this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.
Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A CRICKET match, The Hongkong Cricket Club
v. The Garrison, will be commenced to-morrow
at 2 p.m. and continued at 11 a.m. on Saturday.
The eleven are as follows:

CLUB.	GARRISON.
E. J. Coote (Capt.)	Major Churchill, (Capt.)
T. S. Smith	T. S. Smith
F. W. Millard	A. de C. Scannan, A.M.S.
F. Millard	T. S. Smith
T. E. Davis	A. de C. Scannan, A.M.S.
C. Platt	A. de C. Scannan, A.M.S.
Dr. Sparrow	E. C. Higginbotham, 31st.
Two others.	Comp. John.

Tiffin will be provided in the Ground on
Saturday.

ACCORDING to home papers received by French
mail, the Pope and his advisers are greatly
distracted about the treatment of the Papal rescript
in Ireland. It has been practically ignored both
by the bishops and the clergy. The Pope is
indignant, but he is afraid to advance, nor does
he know how to retreat with dignity. If he
attempts to secure the enforcement of the rescript
the result might be something like a schism in
the Catholic Church in Ireland; and his advisers,
among whom is Cardinal Manning, have urged
him not to press the matter any further.

Mr. CHUN-PUT-NAM, the Director of the China
Merchants Company, whose death is announced
by Shanghai papers lately received, was the father
of the young lady engaged to the youth who a
few months ago distinguished himself as a leader
of pirates in Macao. It will be remembered that
this young adventurer managed to get out of the
Macao Gaol by bribing some of the minor
authorities of the Holy City, and subsequently
repatriated to a town in the vicinity of Canton.
It was alleged that being a minor he could not be
detained in the Macao Gaol against his father's
wishes; that Tong-king-sing, had applied to the
Macao authorities for the release of his son; on
the plea of sending him to a house of correction
in England. These allegations are false; Tong-
king-sing would have nothing to do with his son
after he heard of his cross-purposes and crimes.
As we happen to know that about \$5,000 were
paid by the father of the youth's *family* to a
Macao subordinate officer for the release of the
youth, that we can only congratulate the Macao
authorities upon their high sense of duty and
morality.

A TRUSTWORTHY authority on tobacco planting
in Borneo states that the prices lately realised
at Rotterdam for the Borneo tobacco sold there,
should leave a considerable margin of profit.

ANOTHER gun of enormous dimensions is in
course of construction at Krupp's factory. It
weighs 150 tons, measures in length 57 feet, and
is expected to throw a shell to the fine distance
of 12 miles!

THE Admiralty have directed the *Leander*, 10,
twin screw steel cruiser, 7,500 tons, 5,500-horse
power, Captain Martin J. Dunlop, to be recom-
missioned for another term of foreign service on
the China Station. A new crew will come out
in the *Tamar*.

WITH reference to the East Borneo Planting Co.
we learn that over half a mile of road has
already been made on the estate, and a jetty
and two large houses for coolies have also been
constructed. The greater part of the jungle is
in process of being rapidly cleared.

It is stated that Admiral Sir William Dowell,
K.C.B., who has for some time been employed
as President of the Signals Committee, is spoken
of as successor to Lord John Hay as Commander-
in-Chief at Devonport. Admiral Dowell will be
compulsorily retired by age in August, 1890.

A NEW steam launch named the *Meladi*, built
in this colony under the supervision of Mr.
Andrew Johnston, engineer surveyor, will be
taken down to British North Borneo by the
steamer *Melmon* on her next trip for the service
of the East Borneo Planting Company.

THE grievance alluded to by "Anti-Contaminator"
in our evening contemporary's yesterday's
issue is a faint exposition of an evil which is a
disgrace to the colony. There is scarcely a
street in the town which is free from bad smells.
As it is said that sub-soil impurities are accumu-
lating under our streets, it is the imperative
duty of the Public Works Department to strongly
grapple with the evil, and, drainage or no drain-
age, to have it efficiently rooted out.

THE columns of the *Macao Independent* are still
full of that nauseous and unreadable contribution
headed "A criticism of the pamphlet issued by
the dissolved Corporation." We have often
remarked that the newspapers of the neighbouring
colony reflected the mental and moral status of
its inhabitants. The *Independents* and *Vos do
Crente* are the true expositors of that crass
ignorance, profound immorality, and utter
disregard of principles which characterise the
dwellers of the Holy City.

THE speed trials of a new first-class steel torpedo-
boat—one of three being built for the Indian
Government by Messrs. Thornycroft, of Chiswick
—were made on the Thames the other day.
Her beam is 13½ feet by 14 feet 6 inches, an
exceptionally large one, in order that she may
carry a heavy deck, armament and be used as
either a torpedo or gunboat. Her complement
is three officers and thirteen men, and her load
the other day was twenty tons of coal. The
mean of the running was 23½ knots, the guar-
anteed speed being 22 knots. Her manoeuvring
power is excellent.

THE Editor of *Hayes Sporting News* writes to
the Editor of the *Indian Daily News* as follows:

"Sir—Some of your correspondents appear to forget that Mrs.
Hayes wrote the notice on 'Checkmate' which has caused so
much waste of paper and ink, at the expense of your paper.
I was at the performance; I went carefully over the notice,
and I am sure that it is correct and fair. An
improper, personal element has been introduced into the
discussion. I must defend my reporter on this score. With
reference to the supposed 'slighting' of the amateur golfer,
'Violet' says in your issue of today: 'The reason is not
to be found in the fact that it is going the round, but in
the fact that Mrs. Hayes refused to attend to the club in
question.' Such a statement is unkind and unwelcome. It is
not Mrs. Hayes, directly or indirectly, who slighted the
club; it is the club, and it is the club, and it is the club,
instead of telling him or her and sticking to it, endeavored
to shelter him or herself under the protection of 'rumor.'"
Yours, &c.,
The Editor,
Hayes Sporting News.

November 5th, 1888.
With reference to the letter signed "Violet" in yesterday's
issue, the Secretary of the Club writes to the Editor of the
Herald as never applied for admission to the D.D.C. she
cannot have been refused.—Ed., D.D.C.

We read that Sir W. Pearce, the eminent ship-
builder, has instructed his solicitors to take
proceedings against Messrs. Routledge and Co.,
the publishers, and Mr. W. S. Cairne, M.P., for
libel. In a book entitled "A Trip Round
the World," Mr. Cairne has charged Sir William with
dishonesty, and little short of swindling, in con-
nection with a steamer by which the author
travelled from Vancouver to Hongkong, and
which he assumed to belong to Sir William
Pearce. As a matter of fact, the boat to which
Mr. Cairne refers was not Sir William's; neither
did he charter her, neither had he any control
over her arrangements either as regards booking
passengers or providing for them.

THE following items of news are communicated
to us by our Macao correspondent.—Last night
a Malabar policeman killed a Chinaman with
three shots from a revolver and wounded another
with his sword. A row had occurred in the place
called Volong's Gardens, at the eastern extremity
of the city, on the policeman interfering, he
received a heavy blow on the head, when he
turned round and plied his revolver on the
assailant, and then tried the blade of his sword
on the body of another of the crowd.

Next Friday a vaudeville ball will be given at
the Union Club in honour of Commandant Fer-
reira, Lieut. Passos and Senhor Salles, who are
proceeding to Lisbon by the Messageries steamer
Saghalien, on a year's furlough. A *soiree* will
be held on Saturday at the military Club for the
same purpose. They are to have no end of
soirees when the Chinese leave Macao for
good. Colonel Garcia succeeds Colonel
Garcia in the command of the Police Force
and has a seat at the Legislative Council, under
the Presidency of Chief Justice.
On the 25th inst., a municipal election will take
place when a new Corporation for the ensuing
two years will be chosen. The Government will
allow entire freedom to the electors. The Chi-
nese are proceeding with the construction of their
houses in China-sai.

"DOROTHY" AT THE CITY HALL.

The American Musical Comedy and Opera
Company made their re-appearance at the Theatre
Royal, City Hall, on Tuesday evening, in Alfred
Cellier's successful comic opera "Dorothy."
There was a large audience who, to all appear-
ance, thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.
As we noticed the performance of "Dorothy"
at 16th when it was first produced by
the Company, it is only necessary now that
we should refer to a few of the more impor-
tant features of this latest representation.
The scenery and stage effects were in every
way admirable, and it was especially noteworthy
that the prompter's duties were on this occasion
a complete success—a change very desirable
and much to be appreciated. The members
of the Company also played well together,
and, in fact, showed the amount of improve-
ment reasonably to be expected from extended
experience and judicious coaching. On the
other hand it must be admitted that some
of the voices, notably those of Miss
Maude Hare and Mr. Fisher, showed signs
of wear and tear; but considering that the
troupe only arrived from Shanghai on
Tuesday morning, we are quite prepared to
concede that the fatigues of the voyage may
have placed them to disadvantage.

"Dorothy" is an opera bouffe that grows on you
—the oftener you hear it the better you like it—
but in our opinion it is a very long way from
being a first class production. If we remember
tightly, Cellier, after obtaining some fame as a
composer, collected a number of fugitive pieces
he had written, when he was practically unknown
and strung them together, Stephenson afterwards
adapting the libretto to this musical mélange.
Whether this tale be true or not, there is nothing
particularly brilliant in either the music or
the argument. The only striking numbers
are the quartette commencing "Swear to be
good and true" and the baritone solo "Queen of
my heart to-night"—the latter, by the way, a
very ancient chesnut and anything but original.
However, "Dorothy" is not without attractions
to an audience, and when adequately represented
goes along merrily enough.

Miss Hare who appeared in the title rôle has
greatly improved in her acting, and it is no
fulsome praise to say that she sang charm-
ingly; her method is admirable and her
phrases with wonderful facility, but her
voice was woefully thin on Tuesday, and we
loyally also required a rest. Miss Vera Patey,
who substituted Miss Flo Morrison as *Lydia
Hawthorne*, is a very clever young actress, and
proved herself quite equal to the musical require-
ments of the part. If this lady could only
succeed in keeping her features at rest, instead
of wearing a perpetual and anything but attrac-
tive smile, her performances would be much
more effective. And while we are fault-finding,
it is perhaps just as well to remind Messdames
Hare and Patey that had a masquerading as
village maidens would scarcely be likely to have
the contents of a select jeweller's establishment
in the shape of diamonds, rubies, emeralds and
brooches lavishly displayed on their fingers,
arms, and corsages. As a matter of fact it is not
a custom even amongst ladies of fashion to wear
jewelled bracelets and other such like
ornaments in the day time—these things are
reserved for evening wear. The innate percep-
tions of a true artist would avoid the silly
blunder perpetrated by *Dorothy* and *Lydia*, and
we would just hint to these ladies, and to all
others whom it may concern, that a woman's
attractions, on the stage or off, are certainly
not enhanced by the meretricious glitter of
diamonds and rubies. We could say something
about "beauty is diamonds," but will reserve that
original proverb for another occasion. Miss
Gracie Whiteford was excellent as *Phyllis*,
whilst Miss Leamington made a good deal out
of *Mrs. Pratt*.

Although not in his best form, Mr. Fisher's
Geoffrey Wilder was a creditable performance,
and, once or twice his vocalisation reached a
high order. Mr. Imano, as *Harry Sherwood*,
was heartily encored for a powerful if somewhat
lifeless rendering of "Queen of my heart to-night,"
but this gentleman's acting is inexpressibly feeble;
and his make-up in the second Act was simply
ludicrous. Mr. A. Sutch gave an admirable
impersonation of *Squire Bantam*, and the other
minor parts were respectably filled. His almost
needless to say that Mr. John F. Sheridan was
quite at home as *Lurker*, and kept the house
in continuous merriment all the time he was on
the stage. We are inclined to consider that this
clever comedian overdoes the "gagging" busi-
ness, and although we do not remember ever
hearing an offensive pun or objectionable wit-
icism issue from his lips, there is a happy
medium where it is sound policy for even genius
to draw the line.

Mr. Robertson played the accompaniments
and conducted the opera with his usual skill and
discretion. To-night the Company will perform
Verdi's grand opera "Il Trovatore."

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE OPIUM FARM.

A very extraordinary case—to those who were
not in the secret—was partly investigated by Mr.
Woodhouse this afternoon. Four coolies were
found in a junk off Tai-ko-shui with ninety
bags of prepared opium, worth \$1,350, on board
by F. C. Warwick. They were brought up next
day on a charge of being in possession of opium
in quantities of less than one chest, and were
defended by Mr. Reece, who set up the defence
that they had a permit. The case was
adjourned, and in the meantime the Crown
began to take an interest in the matter, it being
suggested that the Opium Farm, in giving
such a permit, must have violated his agree-
ment. The hearing this afternoon, therefore,
assumed a much more important character.
Mr. Johnson appearing on behalf of the Crown,
Mr. Ewins representing the defendants, Mr.
Caldwell and Mr. Hastings being present on
behalf of the Opium Farm, Inspector Matheson
on behalf of the Police, and Mr. Bywater rep-
resenting the Chinese Customs.
Evidence as to the seizure was given by P.C.
Warwick, who stated that at eleven p.m. on
the night of the 19th he went out in a water-
police boat to search for a junk which was
expected to pass with opium on board. He
came across a her near Tai-ko-shui, and arrested
the four men on board. The ninety bags of
opium were found in the deck and in the hold,
and two repeating rifles were on board.
Inspector Matheson carried the case a little
farther, and
Mr. Spooner, chief excise officer to the Opium
Farm, described the opium as raw and half boiled
Macao.
For the defence Mr. Ewins then called

Ng Sui Sing, an elaborately dressed youth,
who said that he kept a shop near the Canton
Wharf, and deposed as follows:—On the 15th
inst., the second defendant came to my shop
and asked me to get half boiled opium for him.
I therefore, asked the Opium Farm to:—boil the
opium, and after he had done so I took it from his
place to my shop, where the second defendant
got it the same day. It was then in thirty-six
bags. I had previously known him as a friend,
but I had never sold him opium before. I do not
often sell opium, but if anyone asks me I supply
it. That is not my business—I am a dealer
in Manila goods. I cannot read or write, and
I have no accountant. My shopman, Ah Tai,
has been with me six or seven days.
I mean six or seven months. I get
\$3 per chest profit on my sales of opium. I
made \$2 on the opium seized. I have been in
business six or seven years.

By the Court—I do not know what the second
defendant does, although he is a friend of mine.
He wanted the opium half boiled. When I gave
it to him I gave him a certificate which I had
got from the Opium Farm.

Mr. Woodhouse here sent for Inspector Perry,
and requested him to go to the Opium Farm's
and get the counterfoils of that certificate.

Witness continued that the second defendant
took the opium this away in bags. He was
alone at the time. He also took the shells and
witness didn't know what for. He did not tell
him where he was going to take it. Witness
gave him the export permit because he said he
was going to take it to another place; gave
him two receipts, also one was for money and
one for opium; both were identified.

Ah Tai, who said he was a clerk to the last
witness, corroborated.
Chu He Keen, a youth, said he was acting
manager of the Opium Farm, the manager having
suddenly gone away yesterday. He did not
know the first witness for the defence. He could
not tell if the opium in question was prepared
or not, or whether it came from the Farm, or
anything about it. The Farm gave export per-
mits with prepared opium, but he did not know
whether or not they had the power to do so.
Having had the case explained to him he ex-
pressed the opinion that the opium was going to
be smuggled into Hongkong. With regard to the
first witness, he said that they sometimes sold
prepared opium to him. He had no right to sell
again, having no license from the Farm.

By Mr. Ewins:—We have sold a good deal to
his shop, but I do not know him or his folks. I
know Ng Sun Po, but I decline to say whether
he has any business relations with the shop, or
whether he is a lessee of the Farm, or how
much he pays. We sometimes sell raw opium,
but never less than a chest. We allow Ng Sui
Ting to boil opium at our factory; we charge
\$65 a chest for half-boiling, and half-boil perhaps
two chests a month. I think I don't know why
we only half-boil opium, and never heard of
smuggling.

At this stage our report left.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.]

THE MANILA LOTTERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Sir,—I see with deep regret that there is a
possibility of an Ordinance being passed by and
by to prevent the sale of Manila lottery tickets
in this colony. As I spend all I have and more
in the exciting pursuit of riches, which they are
the only means of affording me—as my sex
precludes my indulging on the Club steps in
share transactions—I feel I shall be dreadfully
out of it when the proposed law comes into
operation, and trust that His Excellency the
Governor will also include these gambling in
his contemplated cruel blight on our favorite
indulgence.

Yours very truly,
AN IMPECUNIOUS FEMALE.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1888.

THEISM v. REVELATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Sir,—Your correspondent, the writer on
"Theism v. Revelation," has undertaken a
difficult task, but he goes at it with a light step
and confident air, and no doubt thinks he is
putting the finishing strokes on the work of
annihilating the Old Book which our Mothers
taught us to love, and which by some secret
power is making its way into every language on
the face of the globe.

I beg leave to ask your correspondent a
question, and desire to have it answered in the
light of theism, casting aside all knowledge on
the subject obtained from Revelation. Death!
Death! Why Death? Why, in the light of
pure theism, must death, after a few short years,
wrench us from all that life made dear to us?
Why must the horrible pains of dissolution be
endured, and what compensation does theism
hold out for the horrors of a life-long anticipation
of this final plunge into the unknown?

If theism or any other *ism* outside of Revelation
can give the light that will make the human
race happy on this one point, your correspondent
can save his time and labor in arguing against
Revelation. Death closes all eyes on all the
things of earth. Why Death? This is the ques-
tion of one who must soon meet Death?

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Canton, November 21st, 1888.

[We have asked the writer on "Theism v.
Revelation" to reply to "Faith's" queries, and
this is how he does it:—"Theism is essentially
founded on the existence of a hereafter beyond
the grave, but, unlike Revelation, which makes
a future reward or punishment an encourage-
ment to virtue or a deterrent to vice,
Theism makes virtue its own reward, and
vice its own punishment. Death is the
most natural of things; all living organisms
are liable to it; inorganic substances are all
subject to perpetual disintegration and new
formations. Is there any necessity, for a
Revelation to tell us that which is older than
Revelation itself?"—Ed. *Hongkong Tele-
graph*.]

LATE TELEGRAMS.

PARIS, October 26th.
In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday,
Admiral Krantz, Minister of Marine, made a
speech in which he admitted the weakness of the
French navy, and said that therefore new cruisers
and boats were being built as rapidly as possible.
CAIRO, October 31st.
General Grenfell starts to-morrow for Suakin
with reinforcements. The rebels at Suakin still
continue their attacks on the Egyptian forces.
ST. PETERSBURG, October 26th.
The official version of the Armenian
Car's train at Baku, shows that it was not
seriously damaged, and that the Car's, Engines, and
other members of the Imperial family had the narrowest
of escapes. At the same time the action of the

Imperial party were all sitting in the dining car,
which was much damaged by the smash which
followed the derailment. Eight of the Car's
personal attendants and eleven others were
killed on the spot, and eighteen badly injured.

LONDON, November 1st.
At yesterday's sitting of the Parnell Commis-
sion, Mr. O'Shea was examined. He detailed
the Kilmahnam negotiations, and said he had
destroyed the bulk of his memoranda referring to
same, because Sir William Harcourt and Mr.
Gladstone had advised the utmost reticence
in respect thereto. He further said Mr. Parnell
objected to the manifesto which was issued after
the Phoenix Park murders, because he said it
was bombastic, though he approved the sub-
stance of it. Mr. O'Shea believed that the
signature of the famous letter was genuine. In
cross examination, he admitted having quarrelled
with Mr. Parnell in 1886, but denied that he had
talked of revenge.

An agreement has been signed by the North
British Borneo Company, R. H. Brooke, of
Sarawak, and the Sultan of Brunei, accepting
British Protectorate over their respective terri-
tories. The Sultan of Brunei signed the agree-
ment only recently, after the mission of Sir Hugh
Low, British Resident at Perak.

NEW YORK, November 1st.
The *New York Herald* says that Secretary
Bayard's action in sending Sir Sackville West
his passports was hasty and unbecoming. The
Herald urges Mr. Bayard's dismissal from office.

MOSCOW, November 1st.
The Czar has arrived here to-day, and received
a perfect ovation. He afterwards proceeded to
Gatchina.

ZANZIBAR, November 1st.
The couriers who have just arrived here from
Tabora, report that Arabs trading in the interior
met Stanley's rear-guard at the end of November
last to the west of Albert Nyanza and south-east
of Sanga. Mr. Stanley was then "two days"
march ahead. The strength of the expedition
had been reduced to two hundred and fifty men.
Great suffering had been experienced in travelling
through the forest and marshy regions, and
fights with the natives for food had been
numerous. Many of the party are dead and
missing, and forty were drowned in crossing a
river. Mr. Stanley himself was well, but he and
the majority of his escort had just recovered from
fever, which had caused a halt of three weeks.
Mr. Stanley hoped to reach Wadai in January
next.

CALCUTTA, November and
Emigration from India to the French colonies
of Martinique and Guadeloupe is prohibited.

MADRAS, November 2nd.

The telegraph lines which had broken yester-
day have been repaired to-day. The cyclone on
Wednesday night did much damage to native
houses all over the city. The spire of the
Scott's Kirk was injured. Part of the stables of
Shable and Company fell in. The lower parts
of the city were flooded. The *Oliva* and the
Goorkha returned to harbour yesterday. The
Bhandara was anxiously looked for until the
steamer was seen on the horizon to-day flying
signals of distress. The British India agents at
once sent the steamer *Sirra* to rescue, believing
the steamer to be the *Bhandara*. Neither have
come in as yet. The band of a large tank close
to the Madras Railway, 600 yds. from the
city, has burst, breaching the line. Traffic
has been interrupted. Passengers for Bombay
and Bangalore to-night will stay at Arkham,
all night, and cross the breach at daylight to-morrow.

November 3rd.
The *Sirra* towed the *Bhandara* into port
to-day. She had 627 coolies from Negapatnam
on board bound for Rangoon. When the
Bhandara went to sea every precaution was
taken to prevent her shipping water, and the
hatchways were soon swamped when the storm
increased, the fires were put out, and the engines
could not work. The decks were swept, two
hosts were smashed, and considerable damage
done throughout the vessel. On Thursday
morning the coolies were inspected; five were
found dead; they were buried at sea. The same
day fourteen were injured by having their legs
or arms broken; or they met with severe cuts.
The surgeon's medicine-chest and apparatus
had been washed overboard; he was forced to
fore seriously handicapped in treating the
wounded. Two doctors and a staff of medical
pupils with ample assistance rendered by the
police were ready to receive the wounded when
they landed. All the coolies were brought ashore.
The *Bhandara* lies outside with a "great list" to
port. She has 94 feet of water in her hold. A
lot of pumps are working, trying to keep her
afloat. The military are assisting in the pumping.
The violence of the storm was so great that
the mixed mail train from Madras, as it ap-
proached Chingleput was blown off the rails and
capsized. Nineteen carriages fell over on its
sides, only the engine retaining its position on
the rails. Only one passenger was severely
injured, a native second class passenger, whose
foot was cut, and another had his wrist sprained.
The passengers numbered three hundred.

ROME, November 3rd.

The Pope has sent a Note to the Powers
asserting his temporal claims.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 4th.

The Czar and *Carina* returned here to-day
amid great popular enthusiasm.

BERLIN, November 4th.

Germany is building eight first-class ironclads.

LONDON, November 4th.

A letter from Sir William Harcourt has
appeared stating that some of Captain O'Shea's
assertions are fictitious.

The couriers who arrived at Zanzibar, on the
1st state that one of Stanley's white companions
is dead. It is known in London that Stanley
had not arrived at Wadai up to March.

BERLIN, November 5th.

Germany is negotiating with England and
other Powers for the repression of the slave trade
and the stoppage of the supply of ammunition
to East Africa. A favourable issue is shortly
expected.

LONDON, November 6th.
Mr. Gladstone has begun a three days'
campaign in Birmingham, where, speaking at a
meeting yesterday, he said that he feared the
dangers in the Balkans were still unaltered.
England's great source of embarrassment, he
said, is Egypt. "In reference to the Sir Sackville
West incident, he said that Gladstone's right to
'Great Britain,' and he hoped it would be said
factually explained."
In regard to Home politics, Mr. Gladstone re-
affirmed his last year's Nottingham programme.
The Manchester Chamber of Commerce, re-
solved by a majority of 100 to 50, to petition
the British Factory Act Committee against the
labour of women and children ought to be
immediately extended to include factories in
British India.
The final report of the Treasury Commission
has been published in its confidential form.

receivable in payment of debts at the option of
the debtor. The Commission also proposes that
England join with America, Germany, and the
nations of the Latin Union to restore the bi-
metallic system.

November 7th.
The papers relating to the Sackville-West
incident show that Mr. Phelps, the American

